



Minutes for April 5, 2007

Old Business:

ITAB Report

Discussion surrounded mostly around budget items.
They mentioned the launch of the Business Portal

Web Standards Group

Online Services Webpage–

We have changed gears a little bit on how this will be implemented. For now, we will not be implementing the online services XML schema. Larry Murphy has built a database and is working on a front-end Webpage to display all the agency online services. Larry will be using the information all the agencies sent regarding their online services this past Summer.

What does need to be done is that the items need to be categorized. Larry will be sending each agency their list in some sort of format easy for him to integrate back in to the database (Excel or Access mdb). Be on the lookout for that very soon.

They usually review Websites for Brown Study the end of April. Now is a good time to review your sites. Please review last year's Brown Study to get an idea for the items they review:

<http://www.insidepolitics.org/egovt06us.pdf>

Google

There is a change of contact for the Google box – Tom Levin (tom.levin@oa.mo.gov)

We have renewed the Google box for 2 years at \$69,000. (through 6/30/09)

Lynn shared the 3/30/07 indexing printout from our Google box. It shows how many pages are indexed by agency. We have now reached the 500,000 threshold. Our current contract covers indexing 1,000,000 files. (will be posted on the DMD Website). Since we have almost 500,000 remaining in our search capacity, agencies are free to consider whether there are pages they are currently excluding that they may want to reconsider adding into the search indexing.

Related to Google, OA is looking at a search tool to use for their intranet (Yahoo! Search Tool). The software is free (with \$1900 maintenance). This is about the same cost as a Google mini box. So, they are seriously considering adding a Google mini to the Google contract and any agency can use it for their intranet. If you have any comments on this, email tom.levin@oa.mo.gov

A sidenote: Arkansas State University requested, with our permission, to reuse some of DMD's Web guidelines because they thought they were so well-written (KUDOS to the committee that worked so hard on them!)

New Business:

Update on Section 508 Refresh from Diana Golden (MoAT)

Diane's guess is that for the Web they will try to align the 508 standards with the W3C WAI guidelines to the maximum extent possible and they will try to harmonize software with web as much as possible.

She felt that the audio/video subcommittee was still looking at requirements that were beyond what was doable by most govt agencies. Luckily, Missouri's regulations are a bit more relaxed in this area and will continue to be since Mo AT is reviewing that area again.

On timeline, with the work they have ahead, the period open for public comment, and the fact that there will be new administration at the federal level in 2008, she doesn't see anything concrete coming out till maybe 2009.

Update on changes to audio/video for state standards (MoAT)

Still waiting on higher ed's legal staff to release their recommendation. She wants to continue to move forward with a recommendation, so she may involve some DMD folks in that discussion again.

DESE Screen Resolution Survey (see next page)

DESE was surprised at the lower resolution numbers in their school administrative offices

Acrobat 8 features

Enable user rights - this feature in Acrobat 8 Pro enables Reader 7 and 8 to **save Acrobat files!**

Convert a Word form to a PDF form without recreating all those form fields!

Jay Cramer mentioned having some indexing/searching problems with Reader 8, so they have decided to not implement it at their agency.

Agency Projects/ Open Discussion:

Someone asked about the status of the state server changes. It was reported that they were still in discussion on it but that the changes would happen by end of fiscal year (We'll put this on the agenda for next time for Steve Owen to provide an update).

Debbie gave a status on what they decided as far as putting their intranet on the public side. They are going to put it in a hidden folder on the public server, exclude search indexing using robots.txt and then send postcards out to the parks staff on its location. Maybe not the best solution, but it was not feasible at this point to create thousands of userids to create protected access to the folder.

DNR reported that in May it will go live with its ARC-MIS (GIS) Website. Debbie reported that staff has done an outstanding job tweaking the product and making it user-friendly.

Next monthly meeting is May 3 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in room 500 of the Harry S Truman Building.